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Art Unit: 2858

For: TEST INTERCONNECT FOR BUMPED
SEMICONDUCTOR COMPONENTS AND
METHOD OF FABRICATION

Attorney Docket No. 97-1433.1

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
SUBMITTED WITH CONTINUING APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

April 27, 2001

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a
divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). Please amend
the captioned case as follows.

In the Specification

On page 2, line 1, add the following:

--Cross Reference To Related Applications

This application is a division of patent
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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-33.

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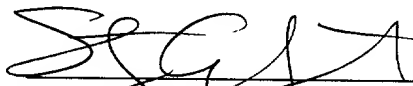
REMARKS

This divisional application is being filed due to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action dated March 27, 2001, in parent case serial no. 09/266,237.

Also being submitted with this divisional application is an Information Disclosure Statement. Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 34-48 is respectfully requested. Should any issues arise that will advance this case to allowance, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned by telephone.

DATED this 27th day of April, 2001.

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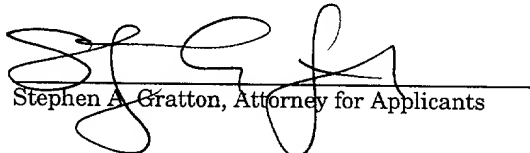
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